SB-517 - Application No. 10/690,003 Response to Office action 11/03/2006

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1 - 8 remain in the application. Claim 9 has been canceled.

Claims 1 – 8 is allowed. Accordingly, the issuance of a Notice of Allowance is

respectfully solicited.

The cancellation of claim 9 should not be understood as a dedication or as

applicants' acquiescence to non-patentability. Claim 9 is being canceled without

prejudice and in an effort to expedite the instant application. Applicants reserve the

right to further pursue claim 9 in a divisional application.

Should any further objections or questions remain, the Examiner is requested to

telephone counsel so that the matter may be resolved and this application may be

prepared for issue.

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